

REMARKS

Entry of the above-noted claim amendments and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

The Examiner's only rejection that has been raised in the "final" Official Action is with respect to clarity of the definitions for moieties A and X<sub>1</sub>. Specifically, the Examiner noted that it is still unclear whether A and X<sub>1</sub> are the same species as between formulas (a) and (c) or whether they simply share the same definitions.

In response, applicants have amended pending claim 1 so as to clarify that A is the *same* (meth)acrylate group as in formula (a) and X<sub>1</sub> is the *same* at least one aromatic group or at least one alkoxy group as in formula (a). Thus, the amended version of claim 1 now clarifies that moieties A and X<sub>1</sub> are the *same* species as is supported by the originally filed specification.

Specifically, as noted in applicants' prior responsive Amendment, support for the amendments to claim 1 is evident by the disclosure of each moiety A and X<sub>1</sub> being the *same* in the discussion on page 10, line 24 bridging page 11, line 12. Specifically, in such passages, it is quite clear that there is no distinction as between moieties A and X<sub>1</sub> when in formula (a) or formula (c). Moreover, it will be noted that species wherein A and X<sub>1</sub> are the *same* primary coating compositions in the Examples on page 21 of the subject application (e.g., where moiety A is an acrylate and moiety X<sub>1</sub> is a phenolic).

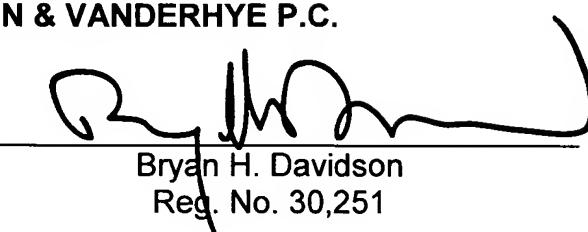
It is therefore believed that the amendments to claim 1 render moot the rejection advanced by the Examiner under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the same and early passage of this application to issue are therefore solicited.

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An early and favorable reply on the merits is awaited.

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